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Sacramento, August 1st, 1873. }

To His Excellency,  
NEWTON BOOTH,  
Governor of California:

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith, the fifth biennial report  
of the Trustees of the State Library.

I remain,  
Very respectfully,  
Your obedient servant,

R. O. CRAVENS,  
Librarian and Secretary of the Board of Trustees.





## REPORT.

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SACRAMENTO, July 1st, 1873.

To His Excellency,  
NEWTON BOOTH,  
Governor of California:

The Trustees of the State Library respectfully present their fifth biennial report.

It is our sad duty, before we touch upon the body of our report, to dwell upon the fact of the decease of two of the members of this Board: ex-Governor John Bigler, and James W. Coffroth. The latter was President of the Board at the time of his decease. It is needless to say, that we regret their loss. Their hearty coöperation and labor towards the advancement of the interests of our State Library, and the furtherance of literature, was at all times sincere and active. Both of them were men of literary habits, and of acute discrimination, as to the merits or demerits of proposed accessions to the Library, and their counsel in our deliberations was ever worthy of regard.

The present condition of the Library is highly creditable to the State, containing as it does many standard books of reference in science, literature, and art.

The total number of volumes in the Library, June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and seventy-one, was twenty-nine thousand three hundred and forty-nine. The accessions since that time have been three thousand one hundred and seven.

The whole number of volumes in the Library, excluding duplicates, on the thirtieth of June, eighteen hundred and seventy-three, is thirty-two thousand four hundred and fifty-six; twenty-one thousand four hundred and ninety-one are in the General Library, and ten thousand nine hundred and sixty-five in the Law Library.

### LIBRARY FUND.

The balance in the Library Fund June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and seventy-one, was three thousand eight hundred and sixty-five dollars and fifty-nine cents (paid into the Fund during the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and seventy-two, nine thousand

two hundred and forty-four dollars and fifty cents); and during the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and seventy-three, six thousand and forty-eight dollars and ninety-five cents. The sum of nine thousand and nine dollars has been expended for books, and one thousand six hundred and four dollars and forty-seven cents for binding, insurance, postage, expressage, and contingent expenses, making the total expenditures ten thousand six hundred and thirteen dollars and fifty-seven cents, leaving the balance in the Fund June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and seventy-three, eight thousand five hundred and forty-five dollars and fifty-seven cents.

#### LAW LIBRARY.

It has been the desire of the Trustees to make this department as complete as possible; and to have it fully meet the wants of the bench and bar of the State, care has been taken to secure, as early as possible after their publication, all new books that would be useful in a law library. Among the additions to this department, during the last two years is a complete set of Upper Canada Reports. Eighty-five volumes of the printed records of the Supreme Court have been bound, indexed, and placed in the Library since our last report, making the total number of these records now on the shelves of the Library two hundred and thirteen volumes.

#### GENERAL LIBRARY.

The accessions to this department have been numerous, and embraces many rare and useful works. The most notable additions have been those made to the department of the useful arts and sciences.

The joint resolution of Congress, passed January eleventh, eighteen hundred and seventy-one, provided that the complete specifications and drawings of patents be published, under the direction of the Commissioner of Patents, and that one copy of the same be placed in the Capitol of every State. On the application of the Librarian, sixty-six volumes, folio, being those published to the present time, have been forwarded, and are now on the shelves of the Library. The medical department has received careful attention, and material additions made thereto, particularly of works relating to State medicine, mental diseases, and the care and treatment of insane persons.

Considerable additions have been made to the department relating to the history of California and the Pacific Coast, and the Library is now in possession of a large number of publications germane to the subject; still, it does not possess a tithe of what it should. A State Library should contain every book, pamphlet, magazine, manuscript, and paper that contains anything pertaining to the history of the State. Nearly everything of this kind—easily obtainable, and very many rare works—are now on the shelves of the Library, and those which we have not, are rare, and not easily obtained. Many of them will command high prices. They can only be found in the collections of Mexico and New York, or in those of London, Paris, Madrid, and other European cities. It is the intention of the Trustees to make a specialty of this department, and purchase all the works pertaining thereto, which the limited means at their command will permit.

The establishment of a more perfect system of domestic and foreign exchanges, is important to the proper maintenance of the Library.

Several of our sister States have instituted exchanges with foreign countries, by which their own State Libraries have been greatly enriched. In the present condition of things, the Librarian has no control over the subject of exchanges, and cannot even keep up a complete system of exchanges with the other States of the Union, much less establish a system of foreign or international exchanges. The mutual benefit to be derived from such exchanges must be apparent to all. To carry out the idea herein suggested, and to establish a correct system of exchanges, we would recommend legislation; providing, that the Secretary of State be empowered to issue, free of cost, to the Librarian, upon due requisition therefor, such numbers of all State publications as may be sufficient to meet the demands of a complete system of domestic and foreign exchange; and that an adequate sum be appropriated for the purpose of paying the freight and postage expenses incident thereto.

The benefit arising from a proper system of international exchanges, is well exemplified in the case of the New York State Library, and its success ought to urge us to a speedy adoption of a like system. The Librarian received from the Colony of New Zealand a complete set of the statutes of that Colony—eleven volumes—and also some other valuable publications, and has endeavored to reciprocate, but has been unable to do so as fully as he desired. On application to the Secretary of State for a set of the Codes for the purpose of sending to New Zealand, he was informed by that officer that he had no power, under existing law, to let them go without payment therefor. In furtherance of the idea embraced herein, and in view of making this recommendation, the Librarian has written to the several Consuls representing our country in the British Colonies on the Pacific, and in Mexico, and South America, asking if appropriate provision should be made by this State therefor, would the several countries of their Consulates exchange publications with us. The answer has uniformly been in the affirmative. All the States and countries on the Pacific are, more or less, in close commercial relations with us; hence, a mutual desire to establish the system we suggest, tending, as it will, to a mutual knowledge of the laws and resources of each other. In addition to these considerations, the cosmopolitan character of our population renders it highly proper that the statistical publications and statute law of all civilized countries should be found on the shelves of the State Library. Books published by the authority of this State can be evenly exchanged for books from nearly all of the European States.

#### CABINET DEPARTMENT.

This department of the State Library has been established under the provisions of "an Act to provide for the establishment of a Cabinet Department in the State Library," approved April first, eighteen hundred and seventy-two.

In pursuance of the terms of this Act, the cabinet of Dr. J. M. Frey has been purchased by the State, and transferred to the State Library. The State Capitol Commissioners have provided a room, and suitable furniture, for the proper display of the specimens, and they are now being properly arranged and classified. The action of the Legislature so far, in this connection, redounds to the credit of the State; yet it must be borne in mind, that to properly keep up the collection, there must be a reasonable fund created for the purpose. To divert the Library

Fund for that purpose, would leave it in a sad state of depletion. It is our aim, so far as lies in our power, to lay the foundation of a cabinet which will in time contain collections of all the rare geological, archaeological, and taxidermic curiosities attainable. This cabinet should also contain a numismatic collection. The benefit to be derived from such a collection cannot be overestimated. The people of the State will reap a tenfold benefit from a reasonable outlay in this direction. No better proof of this is needed, than the interest attaching to like collections in Europe and in the older States of the Union. There is no better time than the present to commence; a good beginning has been made, and provision should be made to secure such accessions to the collection as may be deemed desirable. We think an appropriation of two thousand dollars will be sufficient to secure a healthy and useful growth of this department.

JAMES C. GOODS,  
President of the Board of Trustees.

ROBERT O. CRAVENS, Secretary.

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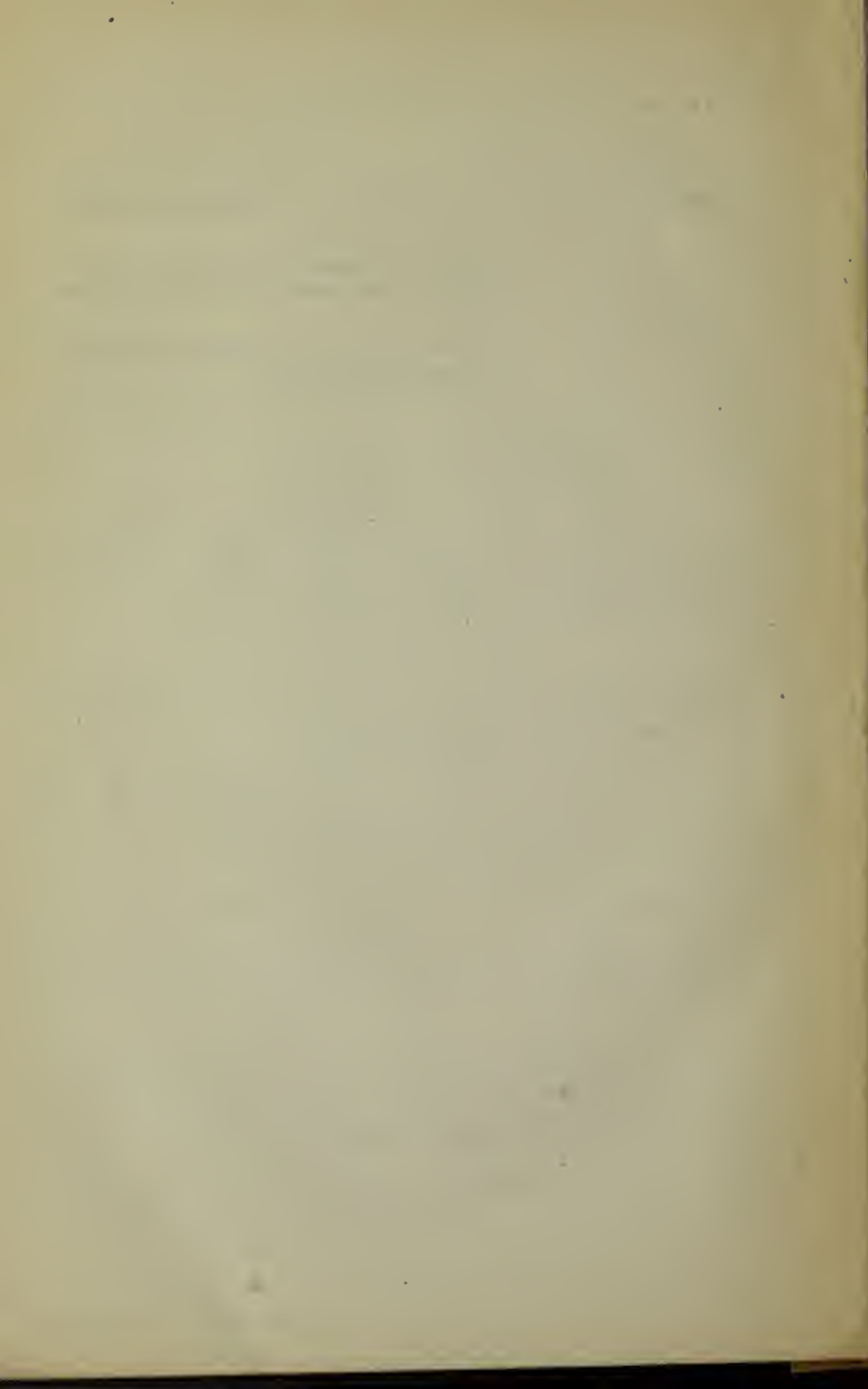
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